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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP: (MATHIAS, CHARLES MCC.)

SUBJECT: CODEL MATHIAS

REF: STATE 79666

1. ROSSITER HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT CODEL WILL ARRIVE DAMASCUS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15 AT 0855 VIA EGYPT AIR FLIGHT 720. THIS WILL GIVE THREE FULL DAYS IN SYRIA, WITH DEPARTURE FOR AMMAN BY CAR ON SUNDAY, APRIL 18.

2. IN VIEW OF AVAILABLE TIME, CODEL WOULD LIKE TO SPEND APRIL 15 IN DAMASCUS AREA AND SCHEDULE ALL APPOINTMENTS FOR THAT DAY. CODEL WOULD THEN LIKE TO GO TO EUPHRATES VALLEY TO SEE DAM AND IRRIGATION AREAS ON APRIL 16 - 17. WHILE CODEL WOULD STILL BE INTERESTED IN VISITING KUNAITRA IF TIME PERMITS, THEY WOULD PREFER GIVE PRIORITY TO EUPHRATES SIDE-TRIP, IF YOU CONSIDER THAT TIME DOES NOT MAKE IT REASONABLE TO DO BOTH. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT TRIP TO EUPHRATES WOULD BE BY CAR AND WOULD INVOLVE AT LEAST ONE NIGHT (FRIDAY, APRIL 16) IN ALEPPO.

3. FYI IN ADDITION TO APPOINTMENTS BEING SOUGHT BY EMBASSY, CODEL IS THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS SEEKING TO SET UP MEETING WITH PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 15. END
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